

SAMUEL DISHAW

Higher Institute of Philosophy
Place Cardinal Mercier 14
Louvain-la-Neuve 1348

samuel.dishaw@uclouvain.be
www.samueldishaw.com

EMPLOYMENT

University of Louvain
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2024–present

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Postdoctoral position in philosophy, core faculty in PPE, 2023–2024

EDUCATION

Harvard University, PhD in Philosophy, 2023
Dissertation: *Understanding Morality Together*.
Committee: Selim Berker (chair), Christine Korsgaard, Susanna Rinard

University of Montreal, M.A. in Philosophy, 2016
University of Montreal, B.A. in Philosophy, 2014

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics · Metaethics · Political Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Epistemology · History of Ethics · Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)

PUBLICATIONS

“The Right to a Justification,” *Political Philosophy* 2 (2025): 496–520.

“Being Understood,” *Philosophical Issues* 34 (2024): 184–195.

“Moral Understanding Between You and Me,” *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 52 (2024): 327–357.

“The Object of Moral Understanding,” *Ergo* 11 (2024): 1151–1169.

“Solidarity and the Work of Moral Understanding,” *Philosophical Quarterly* 74 (2024): 525–545.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

* refereed

“Moral Intelligibility”

Leeds Workshop on the Foundations of Morality, 2025*

“Justifiability and the Other’s Point of View”

Oxford Moral Philosophy Seminar, 2025

Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, 2025*

Washington University in St. Louis Philosophy Colloquium, 2025

“Explaining Ourselves”

UMSL Philosophy Colloquium, 2025

Washington University in St. Louis Epistemology Group, 2024

“Opacity and Operative Reasons”

Louvain Workshop on the Ethics of AI, 2025

MINT-Yale Workshop on Normative Philosophy of Computing, 2024*

PPE Society Eight Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2024*

“The Right to a Justification”

UC Santa Cruz Philosophy Colloquium, 2024

PPE Society Seventh Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2023*

“Being Understood”

Ethics and Epistemology Workshop, University of Helsinki, 2023*

“Solidarity and the Work of Moral Understanding”

UNC PPE Workshop, 2023

Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, 2023*

“The Moral Relationship”

University of Louvain Philosophy Colloquium, 2024

Neuchâtel University Philosophy Colloquium, 2023

“Moral Understanding Between You and Me”

Humboldt-Southampton Normativity Conference, University of Humboldt, 2022*

British Society for Ethical Theory Graduate Conference, 2021*

Manchester Political Theory Workshop on Recognition, 2021*

Moral Psychology and Rationality Workshop, University of Copenhagen, 2021*

“Puzzlement as a Guide to Understanding”

Inquiry Work-in-Progress Network, online, April 2022*

Syracuse Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2021*

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023-2024 FRQ Postdoctoral Fellowship (Quebec Research Fund), UNC-Chapel Hill.
- 2022-2023 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University
- 2021-2022 Graduate Fellowship, Edmond & Lily Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University.
- 2016-2020 SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship (Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada), Harvard University.
- 2015-2016 FRQ Master's Fellowship. University of Montreal.
- 2015 Canada Graduate Scholarship, Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement, University of Edinburgh.
- 2014-2015 SSHRC Master's Fellowship, University of Montreal.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Bowen Prize, Harvard University, 2022
Annually awarded for the best essay in moral or political philosophy. Received for
“Solidarity and the Work of Moral Understanding”
- Certificate of Excellence in Teaching (x2), Harvard University, 2018, 2019

TEACHING

Primary Instructor, UNC-Chapel Hill
Ethics, Politics, and Technology, Fall 2023, Spring 2024
Bioethics, Fall 2023, Spring 2024

Embedded Ethics Lecturer, Harvard
[In this program, I created and taught lectures that were tailored to the computer science courses within which they were embedded.]

“Democracy, Ignorance, and Power Over Others” (Spring 2021)

“Ethical Reasoning in AI for Social Impact” (Spring 2021)

“Moral Responsibility and Social Networks” (Spring 2021)

“The Ethics of Data Visualization” (Fall 2020)

“Permissible Defense Against Neural Fake News” (Fall 2020)

“Fair Queuing” (Fall 2020)

Teaching Assistant, Harvard

The Art of Living (instructor: Samantha Matherne), Spring 2020
Saints, Heretics, and Atheists (instructor: Jeff McDonough), Spring 2019
Inequality, (instructor: Lucas Stanczyk), Fall 2018

ORGANIZING AND SERVICE

At UNC:

6th Annual Normativity Workshop, co-organizer (with Alex Worsnip and Chris Howard), 2024

At Harvard:

Rights Workshop, co-organizer (with Daniel Muñoz and Joseph Bowen), 2019, 2021
Harvard-MIT Philosophy Graduate Conference, co-organizer, 2018, 2019

To the Profession:

Referee for: *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*

LANGUAGES

French (native)
German (intermediate)

REFERENCES

Selim Berker

Alford Professor of Philosophy, Harvard University
sberker@fas.harvard.edu

Christine Korsgaard

Arthur Kingsley Porter Research Professor, Harvard University
christine_korsgaard@harvard.edu

Susanna Rinard

Professor of Philosophy, Harvard University
susannarinard@fas.harvard.edu

Kyla Ebels-Duggan

Professor of Philosophy, Northwestern University
kebelsduggan@u.northwestern.edu

Jeff Behrends (*teaching*)

Senior Research Scholar in Philosophy, Harvard University
jbehrends@fas.harvard.edu